

Discussion with Al Ressler, DOD (Army) 7

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Ressler: As noted in NAPA's interim report, the military intelligence work is organized differently, in that it is part of a larger entity. (DOD). Because the personnel function is so decentralized, it is not possible to submit much of the data NAPA has requested. However, they can "extrapolate and magnify" -- for example, Army has three organizations which would capture 1/3 to 1/4 of its total intelligence workforce. Would this be acceptable?

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[] NAPA recognizes the decentralized nature of the military intelligence personnel systems. This plus the fact that the new system goes into (partial) effect on October 1 are the reasons NAPA said it would not emphasize military intelligence in the further reports. However, we wouldn't want to project any information from a non-random sample of military intelligence personnel data. It is fine to get selective data if that's all that is available, we just have to be careful not to imply that we can generalize from it.

Ressler: Clear on this point. Wants to be certain NAPA understands they want to give as much as they can so they don't appear to be an exception to the rest of the intelligence community. Want to be thought of as part of the community.

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